

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 7, 2026 ~ 10:30am

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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

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## — ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

### CENTERING MUSIC

*Sharon Novak*

### CALL to WORSHIP

*adapted from liturgy by Joanna Haradar*

One: As early followers of Jesus gathered,

*People: For fellowship and worship, praying and singing and reading the scriptures, so we gather this morning.*

One: We read in Acts that the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

*People: One heart. One soul.*

One: They shared everything—

*People: Everything they owned, everything they had.*

One: God's grace was at work in them,

*People: Powerfully at work within them all.*

*All: There was not a needy person among them. May it be so for us as well. Amen.*

## — PRAYING —

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

**LORD'S PRAYER** — Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

### \*SONG 258

*Morning Has Broken*

*Sharon Novak*

## — REFLECTING —

### SCRIPTURE

*Acts 4:32-35 & 5:17-32 (excerpts)*

### REFLECTION

*Holy Boldness  
in a Fearful World*

*Rev. Walt Hampton*

### \*SONG 407

*Come, Thou Fount*

*Sharon Novak*

## — OFFERING —

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### \*SONG 44

*Doxology*

*Sharon Novak*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Rev. Walt Hampton*

## — COMMUNION —



### WELCOME to TABLE & BLESSING of ELEMENTS

### PRAYER of CONFESSION <sup>(unison)</sup>

*by Nancy Townley*

We grumble and complain about our daily lot in life. We read the newspapers, watch the news, and moan about the evil which flourishes in the world. And we wonder, "*Where are you, O God?*" We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a cursory acknowledgment of their plight. We throw our hands up in the air and act as though we are defeated. And we cry, "*Why isn't God taking care of all this?*" Forgive us, patient Lord. Forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else, but chose instead to turn away. Forgive us when we, by our attitudes and language, our thoughts and actions, have gone against Your will. You are with us, Lord.

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** (cont'd)

You lead us daily in right paths and offer to us the bread of life. You stand with us in times of trial and in the presence of those whom we fear, giving us your abundant love. And then you offer to us a place in your eternal home. How can we doubt your presence? Help us to trust you. Help us to praise you and remember that you have called us to be your witnesses and workers in this world. Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. *Amen.*

**ASSURANCE of PARDON**

*Rev. Walt Hampton*

**THE SURSUM CORDA and SANCTUS**

One: God be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the skies.*

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

*People: It is right to give thanks and praise.*

One: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing.

*People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.* — *Nicaea 351*

**THE SHARING of BREAD AND CUP\*\***

**STATEMENT of THANKSGIVING**

One: We are not alone, God made us.

*People: We are not alone; we have each other.*

One: Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?

*People: Can trouble, pain, or persecution?*

One: No. In all these things we win an overwhelming victory through the one whose love for us has been proven.

*All: Neither death, nor life, neither messenger of heaven nor ruler on earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither power from on high nor power from below, nor anything else has power to separate us from the love of God! Thanks be to God! Amen!*

**\*SONG 311**

*Let Us Break Bread*

*Sharon Novak*

— CLOSING —

**BENEDICTION**

*May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today,*

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*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

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### **ACTS 4:32-35—The Believers Share Their Possessions**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **ACTS 5:17-32—The Apostles Heal Many**

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

**The Apostles Are Persecuted**—Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles [Peter and John] and put them in the public prison.

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, *“Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.”*

When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching. When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,

*“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”*

Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. Then someone arrived and announced, *“Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”* Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, *“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.”*

But Peter and the apostles answered, *“We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”*

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## JUNE/JULY GUEST PREACHERS

<b>Sun, JUNE 7</b> <i>Communion</i>	Walt Hampton
<b>Sun, JUNE 14</b>	Walt Hampton
<b>Sun, JUNE 21</b> <i>Father's Day Observance</i>	Guest Speaker & Rev Gail Doktor
<b>Sun, JUNE 28</b>	Eryn Morency
<b>Sun, JULY 5</b> <i>Communion &amp; Observance of Independence Day Weekend</i>	Eryn Morency

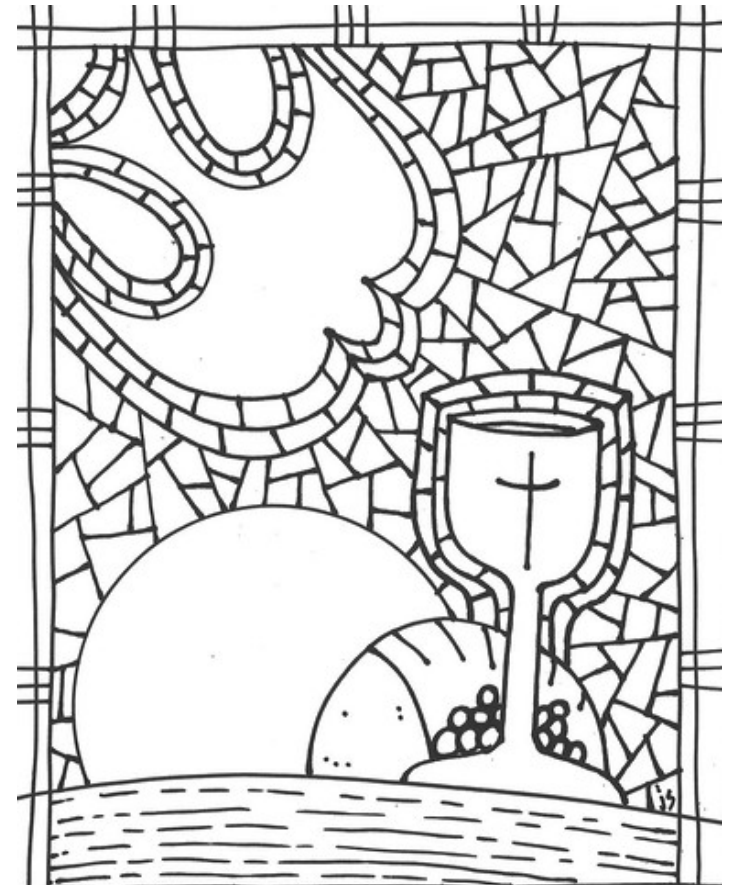
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Guest Pastor: Rev. Walt Hampton

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## PRAYERS

**For PEOPLE:** *Focus this week:* Alex A., Alexis, Allison, Annie, Ariana, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, Cindi G., Deb L., Doug, Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Larry, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Steve, Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

**For PLACES:** For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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